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dysfunction,, which method comprises administering to a mammal in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of claim 1.

14. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of claim 1 in combination with one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers.

15. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of claim 1 in combination with a therapeutically effective amount of anti-obesity agent, anti-hypertensive agent, inotropic agent or hypolipidemic agent.

16. A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 14 or 15 for the treatment of hypokalemia, hypertension, congestive heart failure, atherosclerosis, coronary heart diseases, post myocardial infarction, restenosis, increased formation of collagen, fibrosis, and remodeling following hypertension, endothelial dysfunction, renal failure, nephropathy, syndrome X and obesity.

17. A combination, such as a combined preparation or pharmaceutical composition, respectively, comprising a compound of claim 1 and another therapeutic agent selected from an anti-obesity agent, anti-hypertensive agent, inotropic agent or hypolipidemic agent.

18. A compound according to any one of claims 1 to 8, for use as a medicament.

19. A combination according to claim 17, for use as a medicament.

20. Use of a compound according to any one of claims 1 to 8, or a combination according to claim 17, for the preparation of a pharmaceutical composition for the prevention and/or treatment of conditions associated with aldosterone synthase activity.

21. Use according to claim 20, wherein the conditions associated with aldosterone synthase activity are selected from hypokalemia, hypertension, congestive heart failure, renal failure, in particular, chronic renal failure, restenosis, atherosclerosis, syndrome X, obesity, nephropathy, post-myocardial infarction, coronary heart diseases, increased formation of collagen, fibrosis and remodeling following hypertension and endothelial dysfunction.